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SUBJECT: NATURAL GAS PRICES

1. WHEN I ASKED FOREIGN MINISTER ROEL LAST WEEK IF HE
THOUGHT IT WOULD BE USEFUL IF HE AND I AND DIAZ SERRANO
HAD SOME INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS OF THE GAS SITUATION, HE
REPLIED EMPHATICALLY IN THE NEGATIVE. HE SAID THE
SUBJECT IS NOW WHOLLY IN THE HANDS OF PRESIDENT LOPEZ
PORTILLO. WE THEN PROCEEDED TO DISCUSS THE SUBJECT FOR
ABOUT 20 MINUTES.

2. I WAS IMPRESSED WITH THE TROUBLE ROEL HAD TAKEN TO
INFORM HIMSELF ABOUT OUR IMPORTS OF ALGERIAN LNG AND
CANADIAN GAS AND ABOUT DEVELOPMENTS IN NORTH SLOPE GAS.
HE ASSERTED WE WERE PAYING MORE FOR LNG FROM ALGERIA (A
COUNTRY THAT REALLY DOESN'T LIKE THE U.S.) THAN WE WERE
WILLING TO PAY FOR MEXICAN GAS. CITING A PROVERB TO
THE EFFECT THAT A BURRO LEARNS TO FLINCH THROUGH
REPEATED BEATINGS, ROEL SUGGESTED THAT OUR POSITION ON
THE GAS PRICE ISSUE IS ONE MORE U.S. "ABUSE" OF MEXICO.
WHEN ROEL SAID MEXICO COULD CONSUME DOMESTICALLY ALL ITS
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FUTURE PRODUCTION, I POINTED OUT THAT MEXICO WOULD
REALLY HAVE MORE GAS THAN IT WILL KNOW WHAT TO DO WITH.
LUCEY

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